

# Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Enhancement - Oversight Committee

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The Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Oversight Committee (PSRFE-OC), as established in RCW 77.105.160, are in full support of the House capital budget including \$10 million to begin construction of a new salmon hatchery on the Deschutes River in the Olympia. We believe the Senate capital budget should include the Deschutes Hatchery project as well. Having quality fish production facility in deep South Sound is a key component to contribute to meaningful sportfishing opportunity throughout Puget Sound.

A key component to the goals of the PSRFE program is to increase angler opportunity. The building of a new salmon hatchery will aid in this goal by enhancing fisheries throughout Puget Sound. Additionally, a model hatchery in the Capital City will provide an excellent opportunity to increase public awareness of the importance of salmon to our State's economy

The PSRFE program which is funded by the recreational fishing community assists in maintaining the economic viability of this billion dollar sport fishery in Puget Sound. Infusion of capital budget revenue into projects like the Deschutes Hatchery supports the work the PSRFE-OC is doing to increase fishing opportunity and success of future anglers in the Puget Sound region.

Please support \$10 million in Capital Budget funding for the Deschutes River Hatchery.

Thank you.

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